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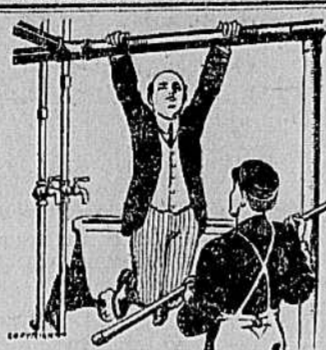
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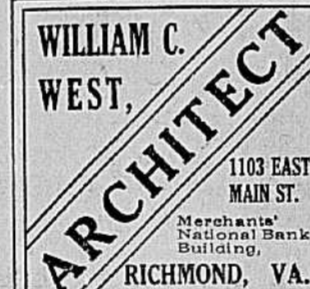
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CHEERING SCENES IN OLD DOMINION

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Iron are plentiful in some parts of the State, tin, manganese and other things are here to beat the band, but after all the pride of Virginia is that her lands produce in the greatest abundance the things that humanity eats, and in the production of these things no State in the Union and no country under the stars can beat her. In these things, that is in the solid things that go to sustain life, make folks happy and bring good profits Old Virginia cannot be beaten.

Last year the lands of the old State brought forth these things in great abundance, and the growers of the same have sold them, and are yet selling them, for good profits, and that is why the old State continues to be prosperous in spite of panics and talk of hard times. Manufacturing enterprises, and the State is beginning to be dotted with them at every railway station, at every street corner and at every cross road. Have, of course, felt the effects of the panic and the hard times of last year, but the old soil has kept on producing, and so it is that the man who turns this soil over in an intelligent and a twentieth century way wonders what has been the cause for the recent talk about hard times.

Keeping Up the Average. The variety of Virginia's products from the soil is such that if a drought or any other calamity strikes the State, the State will not be ruined. Other parts not so afflicted will bring up the average. If the early frosts in the fall or the late frosts in spring shall cut off the profits of the truckers in the East, the cabbage raisers in the Southwest and the fruit raisers in the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains will make up the losses.

If the wheat crops of the Valley by any trick of nature shall fail, the tobacco planters of the James River Valley and of the great Piedmont section will be sure to fill in the vacuum. If the apple and peach orchards of the Albemarle sections should by any possible chance fail, the potato patches of the Eastern Shore will come to time with a balance sheet to overcome the losses. If the rich valleys of the Staunton, the Dan and the James shall suffer overflows and inundations to destroy the wonderful corn crops they are proverbial for, the cattle ranges and the pastures of the Southwest will be very certain to export an extra number of first-class beef cattle at high price to more than make up the difference. And so it goes. No matter what happens Old Virginia is sure to come to the front every year with a pretty clean balance sheet from its producing hills and valleys.

The One Thing Needed. But the past year there were no failures along any of these lines. From every part of the Commonwealth comes cheering news of what has been done, and cheering scenes are on the canvases in every section of the State.

The people are making a plenty of stuff, and they have been getting good prices for it all. The one thing needed to most of the farmers and the cabbage raisers, the tobacco growers, the grain growers, the cattle raisers, the truck makers and all the other folks who have to go to market is a good road over which to get there. There are some good roads in the old State, for instance, in parts of Tazewell county, in parts of Pittsylvania and Charlotte and Prince Edward and Augusta and Smyth and some other counties, but in a majority of the counties and in most parts of all the counties the bad roads are the one drawback. Good roads must come, and they will come in time. May Heaven grant that the time may be short.

GREAT FRUIT LAND ALL ABOUT CROZET

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section in old Virginia for cattle-raising than right around Crozet. The Hygeia herd of magnificent Holstein cattle, designated by a prominent breeder as the finest herd of registered Holsteins ever brought together in the Southern States, was originally owned by Dr. S. A. Robinson, of Covington, in Albemarle county, and was collected, after years of study on his part, from the best of the best judges of dairy cattle in the country.

One year ago it was purchased in its entirety by Major W. Fitzhugh Carter, surgeon in the United States Army, now stationed at Fortress Monroe, and so, thereafter, was removed to a lately acquired farm a mile and a half from Crozet, and consisting of some 800 acres of slightly rolling land, the entire farm being in sight of the Blue Ridge. The new home of the herd is excellently adapted to its purposes, and is as good in the stock farm line as the herd is good.

Very Famous Animals. The herd contains the famous "Jesse Freeman A." and her seven living daughters, six of which are now in the advanced registry, giving her a record of more "advanced registry officials" daughters than any other cow of the Holstein breed in America.

Jesse Freeman A. is admitted by the best judges to be one of the finest specimens of the Holstein breed in the world, and her record in the show ring have fallen at the feet of this "Bovine Queen." In 1893, at the New York State Fair, she was adjudged champion cow and the strongest of competitors in the very home of the breed. In 1905 her daughter, Jesse Freeman C, was first prize cow at New York State Fair, and four daughters of Jesse Freeman A. in pairs of two, won first and second prizes as producers of cows, an event unparalleled in the history of "the black and whites."

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As a Summer Resort.

Crozet is a summer resort of the modest kind, and when one is fortunate enough to be able to spend one summer here where the pure water, the delicious fruit and the health-giving mountain air, all combining to send them home in the autumn stronger and better, a return trip the next summer is the natural result. In the summer time Crozet is a gay place. Every boarding house in the village, and the most of the houses there become such when the sun is hot in June and July, is filled to its utmost capacity, and Crozet is indeed gay.

Liberty Hall, a large and commodious home, conducted by Mr. J. M. Ellison, is summer sojourners' headquarters. Because of the free and easy way the sojourners take life, and because of the general good time they have at Mr. Ellison's combination farmhouse, hotel and orchard headquarters, the place was dubbed several years ago by a visitor "Liberty Hall," and by that name it continues to be known.

Delightful Social Life.

There is some talk of enlarging the accommodations for summer visitors at Crozet, for it is known that every summer number of people, even thousands have to go by because of the lack of accommodations. Mr. Ellison could enlarge, but he won't, because he is largely interested in orchards, farming, merchandising, etc., and the "Liberty Hall" enterprise is with him but a side issue.

The social life of the village is delightful. Everybody knows everybody else, and everybody is sociable. Then there are several social and fraternal organizations that keep things lively. Masons and Odd-Fellows flourish, but possibly the Woodmen of the World are the most popular fraternity men. They have a uniform team of Foresters, who are well drilled, and they frequently give social entertainments, and even dramatic performances, for the benefit of public enterprises. Under the leadership of Mr. T. W. Woolen, consul, the Foresters are always doing something handsome for the village. A splendid little institution of which Crozet is proud is its circulating library, and a good one it is, containing a larger and better assortment of books, magazines, periodicals, etc., than many libraries in much larger places. The shelves were filled largely by a gift from Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, of Philadelphia, obtained through the influence of Miss Dorothy N. B. B. a young lady formerly of Philadelphia, who now makes her home in Crozet. The library is open five days in the week, the young ladies of the village taking turns to remain in charge. It is housed in a room near the depot in easy access to all. A small annual subscription from the patrons is sufficient to pay the running expenses.

Back to Business.

As I have before said, only a small proportion of the splendid orchard lands within a circle of eight miles around Crozet are in cultivation, but I am of the opinion that in time all of them will be covered with apple and peach trees, strawberry beds and what not, and this great industry will bring other industries.

Indeed, some of them are now needed, very much needed. For instance, an ice factory would pay there right now. Local patronage alone would keep it going, and the shipping facilities are such that a splendid business as net profit could be done with neighboring towns, and to an ice factory could be added a cold storage plant to take care of surplus fruits at home, instead of shipping them to similar plants at Richmond, Charlottesville and elsewhere.

I have already mentioned the fine opening for a box factory, and what has been said suggests other enterprises that would pay, about all of which the newly organized Board of Trade, of which Mr. Russell Bargamin is president, and Mr. Walter Whately is secretary, will give inquirers full information. Crozet is destined to be a splendid Virginia town, and I would advise its good people to have it incorporated as soon as possible, and have a council and other necessary officers as soon as the law allows.

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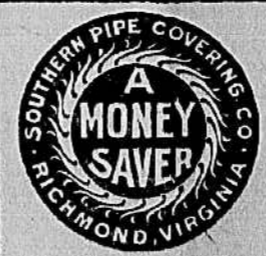
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